

# Religious holiday schedule

## Chapels offer special Lent, Easter services

**C**hapels in the communities of the 104th Area Support Group will hold the following activities and services in observance of Lent and Easter in the coming weeks:

### In the 221st Base Support Battalion

- \* Sweetheart Banquet, Ramada Hotel, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.
- \* Children's Valentine Party, Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel, Feb. 26 at 5:45 p.m.
- \* Stations of the Cross service with meatless soup and bread potluck, Wiesbaden's Hainerberg Chapel, Feb. 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* Father/Daughter Dance, Wiesbaden Middle School Gym, March 5 at 6 p.m.
- \* Protestant Women of the Chapel Spring Retreat, St. Goar on the Rhein River, March 11-13.
- \* Community Easter Egg Hunt, Hainerberg Chapel, March 19
- \* "Passion of the Christ" movie and discussion, Hainerberg Chapel, March 20 at 5 p.m.
- \* Protestant Easter Service, Hainerberg Chapel, March 27 at 11 a.m.

### In the 222nd Base Support Battalion

- \* Soup Supper every Friday during Lent, Chapel 2 in Baumholder
- \* Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, 6 p.m., Chapel 2
- \* Catholic Penance Service, March 16 at 7 p.m. Chapel 2
- \* Palm Sunday Services, all regularly scheduled services, Chapel 2
- \* Holy Thursday Mass, March 24 at 6 p.m. Chapel 2
- \* Holy Thursday Service, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. Chapel 2
- \* Good Friday Mass, March 25 at 6 p.m. Chapel 2
- \* Good Friday Service, March 25 at noon, Chapel 2
- \* Easter Vigil Mass, March 26 at 7 p.m. Chapel 2
- \* Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service, March 27 at 7:30 a.m. Chapel Activities Center, Building 8217
- \* Easter Sunday Services, March 27, all regularly scheduled services, Chapel 2

### In the 284th Base Support Battalion

- \* Daily Mass, Giessen Depot Community Chapel, Feb. 15, 18, 21-25, 28, March 1-4, 7-11, 14-16, 18, 21-23 at noon
- \* Sunday Mass, Giessen Chapel, each Sunday in March at 8:45 a.m. (Palm Sunday March 20).
- \* Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread supper, Giessen Chapel, Feb. 18 and 25 at 5:30 p.m.
- \* Mass, Friedberg's Ray Barracks Chapel, Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday March 20)
- \* Stations of the Cross, Friedberg Chapel, Feb. 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 at 6 p.m.
- \* Holy Thursday Mass, Procession and Reposition; Friedberg Chapel, March 24 at 8 p.m. Adoration for one hour after Mass
- \* Adoration, Giessen Chapel, March 24 from 8-10 p.m.
- \* Stations of the Cross, Friedberg Chapel, March 25 at 11:50 a.m.
- \* Liturgy, Reading of the Passion and Communion, Giessen Chapel, March 25 at 3 p.m.
- \* Holy Saturday "Vigil" with Blessing of New Fire, Pascal Candle, Procession, Vigil, Scripture Readings and Mass, Giessen Chapel, March 26 at 8 p.m.
- \* Protestant Palm Sunday Service, Friedberg Chapel, March 20 at 9:30 a.m.
- \* Protestant Palm Sunday Service, Giessen Chapel, March 20 at 10:15 a.m.
- \* Protestant Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion Service, Giessen Chapel, March 24 at 7 p.m.
- \* Protestant Holy Thursday Worship, Friedberg Chapel, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

\* Protestant Good Friday Service, Friedberg Chapel, March 25 at 12:15 p.m.

\* Protestant Easter Sunrise Collective Service, Giessen Chapel, March 27 at 7 a.m.

### In the 414th Base Support Battalion

- \* Community-wide National Prayer Luncheon, American Star Restaurant on Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Feb. 24 at noon
- \* Stations of the Cross Catholic Program, Fliegerhorst Chapel, every Friday through March 18 at 6 p.m.
- \* Palm Sunday Mass, Fliegerhorst Chapel, March 20 at 9 a.m. and in Spanish at 12:45 a.m.
- \* Holy Thursday Mass, Fliegerhorst Chapel, March 24 at 6 p.m.; Adoration at 7 p.m. and Liturgy at 8 p.m.
- \* Protestant Maundy Thursday Service, Pioneer Chapel, March 24 at 7 p.m.
- \* Protestant Good Friday Service, Pioneer Chapel, March 25 at 7 p.m.
- \* Catholic Good Friday Service, Fliegerhorst Chapel, March 25 at 5 p.m.
- \* Catholic Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday, Fliegerhorst Chapel, March 26 at 8 p.m.
- \* Easter Sunday Mass, Fliegerhorst Chapel, March 27 at 9 a.m. and in Spanish at 12:45 p.m.
- \* Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service, Pioneer Chapel, March 27 at 7 a.m.

For more information call your community Chaplains Office in Baumholder at mil 485-1570, Dexheim mil 334-5885, Friedberg mil 324-3208, Giessen mil 343-1670, Hanau mil 322-1570 or Wiesbaden mil 337-1570.



Photo by Anemone Rueger

### Monthly Praise Fest

Churchgoers and music makers fill Fliegerhorst Chapel with contemporary songs of praise during the chapel's monthly inter-denominational Praise Fest. Normally held the first Sunday of the month, March's Praise Fest is scheduled for March 13 at 7 p.m.



## Friedberg Soldiers learn from Dachau visit

Thirty-two young leaders of 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor — the “Iron Dukes” stationed in Friedberg — learned about “Moral Leadership In Its Decline” during a visit to the Dachau Concentration Camp museum and memorial site on Jan. 13.

Soldiers were selected by their company leadership to participate with the goal of having them return to share lessons learned with their fellow Soldiers.

Soldiers were led on a two-and-a-half hour tour of the museum and memorial site.

From its pristine appearance today one might never guess the former ammunition factory on the outskirts of Dachau (near Munich) was used for what may be the most heinous crimes against humanity in the history of the world, said visitors. Soldiers learned how the Dachau camp was used by the Nazis to enslave, conduct scientific experiments on and ultimately exterminate Jewish citizens and others across Europe during World War II.

### Lessons for today

“How would you feel if you were deployed to Iraq and learned that your family back home in the United States had been rounded up by the police and sent to jail

because they were Catholic or some another religious faith and accused of being un-American,” Soldiers were asked during their visit.

The Friedberg Soldiers were also challenged to consider, “What prompted people, many military and political party members, and even some Jews themselves, to be the executors of the bent and twisted wills of a select few?”

### Fear factor

The Soldiers were told that many people did whatever they could to try and survive the horror of the Holocaust. “People may have done very surprising things out of character to try to fit in, prove their loyalty to their country and government,” said a tour leader. “Some children denounced parents. Parents denounced children. Mothers would claim their child was a product of an adulterous affair to protect them from being categorized as an “Untermensch” (sub-human). Many lied and lived.

“Many were truthful and paid with their lives,” said the tour leader. “Everyone subjected to a tyrannical, oppressive regime, Jew and non-Jew, tried to survive. Many people kept quiet and did as they were told and



Photo by Spc. Mullins

**Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, learn about the Holocaust and its relevance to the world today during a visit to the Dachau concentration camp.**

rationalized it as loyalty. They were simply doing their duty. Fear promotes an instinctive inner need for self-preservation often at the expense of others.”

“What will you do” Soldiers were asked, “if ever faced with an enemy you can’t engage or return fire upon without assuredly

dying? What will you do?”

Soldiers were given the following quote from the “Star Wars: Episode One” movie (Yoda to Anakin Skywalker) to ponder after their visit: “Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering.” (Courtesy of the 2-37th Armor Chaplains Office)

## Teen shoots ahead for local club

### Giessen 10th-grader sets sites on Olympics

By Alexandra Williams  
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A Giessen 10th-grader has taken a local German shooting club to its first shooting championship enabling the club to participate at higher level competitions.

Giessen Middle/High School 15-year-old Sarai Berrios overcame a language barrier to join the Hüttenberg Shooting Club near Butzbach five months ago to pursue her passion for shooting and to improve her marksmanship skills. She participated in 15 competitions finishing in the top ranks at most of the events.

"I am surprised myself, but I am also proud (about doing so well). I joined the club to do something I love and to improve myself. I never had the intention to become a top shooter in a German club," Berrios said.

The lack of German language skills has not been a problem for Berrios. "Almost everybody speaks English at the club, except for the owner. But we always find a way to communicate. The language is really not a problem," she said. "Sometimes it feels a little strange because I am a foreigner and the only girl, but I am accepted — after all shooting is a team sport. Some days I shoot better than everybody else and the guys get a little intimidated, but most of the time I am accepted."

Competitions can be challenging,

she said. "It's very scary because the instructors call out the instructions in German, and I don't understand a word. So I always look over my shoulder looking at the other shooters to see what they are doing... but overall it's a good experience."

"I don't really talk about it that much (at school), but most of my girl friends think it's awesome and it's good that I joined the German club. They are proud of me," she said.

Interest for the sport was awakened many years ago at a family picnic, said Berrios' mother, Bella Haines.

"Someone had a hand gun and asked if she wanted to give it a try. She did and her first try was a bull's-eye... but she did not shoot until

we came to Butzbach," Haines said.

When the family arrived in Germany two years ago Sarai surprised her family after the first day of school by announcing that she wanted to join the school's JROTC and the rifle team.

"I think the opportunity to shoot with a local team increases her German experience not to mention that it gives Sarai an outlet to a sport she loves," said Haines.

"We are proud of her. Sarai is the only one in the family with such a talent for shooting. I have some skills but I was never so driven. Her brother is in the Marine Corps, but there is a difference in military and air rifle shooting," Haines said.

"Sarai has high ambitions, and she's on course to pursue her goal which is to be able to compete on the Olympic team one day. She has a lot of self control and self awareness, and I know she will be successful," said her Junior Reserve Officer Training Class instructor, Master Sgt. M.C. Wilson.

"Joining the club in Hüttenberg is a plus for her because it's more challenging. She does not have the full control of the language, but she's on top of her game," he said.

"She's an inspiration for others to do better especially for the male shooter here and in the German club, because when they see that a female outperforms them then they also want to do well, and that makes the competition tougher. You see having a young girl in a shooting team is always like a threat to young men because they feel challenged

to get to know their own abilities," Wilson said.

"Hüttenberg is more than happy to have

Sarai as a member of the club. Because of her they have somebody in every age group to make up a team. Now they have a chance to participate for the Hessen and even the German championship. Since she joined, the team wins every competition and they became first in the Kreisliga (county league) Wetzlar," said Bernd Becker, a licensed trainer and member of German Shooting Association who trains Sarai in Hüttenberg.

Becker is a volunteer coach with the Giessen JROTC and enabled Berrios' membership at the club and made arrangements for practice times and free training.

"The advantage for her is that she has a possibility to train and get instructions which she then can

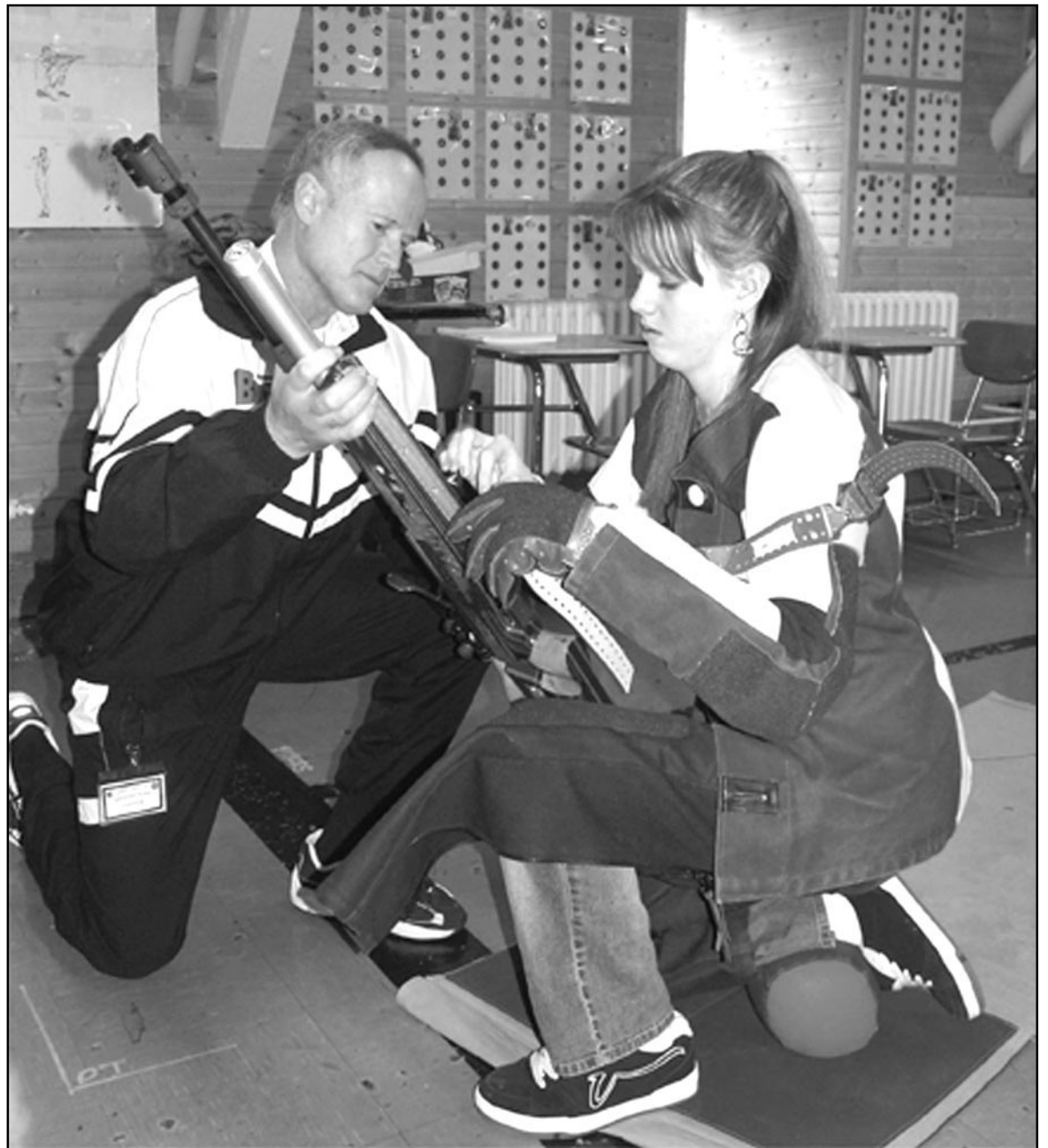


Photo by Alexandra Williams

German shooting instructor Bernd Becker (left) and Sarai Berrios go through some routines during a JROTC class. Being a member of a local shooting club enables the teenager to sharpen her marksmanship skills.

turn into accomplishments. She's such a talented shooter. You don't have to tell her much because she knows her basics. You just have to do a little correction and she's good to go," he said.

Berrios' success is more than just talent, Becker added. "Her parents are the best motivators I've seen in years. They bought her a brand new air rifle; they just support her all the way. That adds to the success," he said.

Berrios said her mother and former JROTC team member Kat Prosser are her inspirations. She added that shooting will remain an important part of her life in her future.

"I want to shoot when I am in college. I am looking at going to medical school to become a doctor and then do autopsies. But another goal is to shoot for the Olympic team," Berrios said.

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# 284th BSB – Friedberg, Giessen

## Community spotlights

### Admin assistant sought

Choctaw Management Services Enterprise seeks an administrative assistant in Butzbach for the Women, Infants and Children Overseas program. Applicants need a high school diploma or equivalent with secretarial or business office experience or education. Business training or an associate's degree is preferred. Experience in a health related field is desirable. The incumbent must be able to type 40-60 words per minute. The job entails frequent travel and requires good communication skills. It offers an attractive salary, a benefits package including a 401-K plan, medical, dental and vision benefits, and the opportunity for career advancement. Send a resume and cover letter via email to [Kimberly.spano@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:Kimberly.spano@ramstein.af.mil) or by fax to civ (06371) 47-9383.

### Volunteers sought

Call 284th Base Support Battalion Army Volunteer Corps coordinator Kelly Kreis at mil 324-3465, civ (06031) 81-3465, or email her at [kreisk@104asg.mwr.army.mil](mailto:kreisk@104asg.mwr.army.mil) for the latest on volunteer opportunities in your community. Agencies seeking volunteers include the Parent Teacher Student Association, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, community mail rooms, libraries, arts and crafts centers, Family Readiness Groups, thrift shops, the Hearts

and Hands Community Club, the Red Cross, the medical and dental clinics, the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program, the tax centers, Army Family Team Building and the Army Family Action Plan.

### Mentors sought in Butzbach

Butzbach Elementary School seeks mentors for about 40 students, approximately 25 of whom stay after school Wednesday and Thursday for an hour to do homework and could benefit from a mentor's help. Other mentoring opportunities exist as well. Attend a mentor orientation at the school to learn more. Call Heather Majorwitz at civ (06033) 74520 or email her at [heather.majorwitz@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:heather.majorwitz@eu.dodea.edu) for information.

### Lost item at MP station

A watch was found in the bathroom of the Military Police Station, Building 5 on the Giessen Depot. For details call Investigator Gregory Kafer at mil 343-6291.

### Donations for tsunami survivors

Anyone who would like to donate cash to support the relief efforts for victims of the tsunami in Asia should contact the Red Cross in Giessen. As of now only cash donations can be accepted — do not bring clothes or food. Receipts



Photo by Alexandra Williams

### Shopper's dream

Pfc. Byron Brown of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor, packs all the meat he can get into his shopping cart in the Bad Nauheim Commissary Feb. 4. Brown won a three minute Super Bowl shopping spree sponsored by Frito Lay, supported by WEBCO and DeCA. "It's so exciting and it will help a lot with our food bill because my husband loves to eat — especially meat," said Brown's wife, Alicia. Within the three-minute time limit Brown packed three shopping carts with groceries to include lobster, shrimp and diapers for 2-year-old Bryron junior. "The total bill added up to almost \$1,300; the meat alone costs \$540," said store manager Cynthia Hernandez. "I am very tired right now," said Brown after racing through the store. "Those three minutes were longer than I expected. I thought it was going to be easy but it wasn't. I am just glad I was able to grab all that meat, because I like beef — it's part of my diet."

will be provided for donations. Call mil 343-7786 for details.

### Cheerleading competition

The 284th Base Support Battalion's Child and Youth Services will host the U.S. Forces Junior Cheerleading Competition March 19 starting at 11 a.m. at the Miller Hall Fitness Center in Giessen. Special guests will be the Frankfurt Galaxy Dancers who will dance, judge the competition and give away football tickets. For information call Gregory Peck at mil 343-6969.

### Sweetheart Dance Feb. 18

Battery C, 2-3rd Field Artillery, will host a Sweetheart Dance Feb. 18 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Alpine Club on the Giessen Depot. Music, fun and refreshments will be

on hand. Tickets are available for \$10 per couple in advance or \$12 at the door. The theme is dress to impress. Child care is available at separate cost on a first-come, first-served basis. For details call Sharen Crenshaw at civ (0641) 494 1352 or Bridgett Lester at civ (0641) 480 8207.

### Ski trips

Outdoor Recreation hosts a ski trip to Garmisch Feb. 19-21. The cost is \$199 for adults, \$109 for children age 4-13 and \$49 for children up to age 3. A ski trip to Winterberg is scheduled for Feb. 26. The cost is \$59. For details call mil 343-8202.

### Bank closed

The Friedberg Community Bank will be closed Feb. 17 for renovation of the customer service lobby. For details call mil 324-3282.

### Tax center seeks volunteers

The Friedberg Tax Center seeks volunteers. Experience is not required, but good organizational skills and attention to detail are necessary. Training will be provided. For more information call Capt. Tara Scardino at mil 324-3866 or civ (06031) 81-3866.

### Catholic Lent services

The 284th BSB Chaplains Office hosts the following programs in Giessen: daily Mass will be held Feb. 18, 21-25 and 28, March 1-4 at noon. Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread will be held Feb. 18 and 25 at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass is held every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. The Friedberg Chapel hosts a Mass Feb. 15 and 22 at 6 p.m. and Stations of the Cross is hosted Feb. 18 and 25 at 6 p.m. Sunday Mass takes place every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

### YS baseball registration

The 284th BSB Youth Services baseball registration is open until March 18. The fee is \$30 for the first child and \$27 for every additional child. The season opens April 9 at 9 a.m. at the Giessen Chapel Field. Parents may register their child Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the CLEOS office located in Building 3, Room 215 or at the cheerleading award ceremony held March 12 at 9 a.m. at the Alpine Club on the Giessen Depot. For details call mil 343-7028.

### Employment Readiness

The 284th BSB Army Community Service Employment Readiness program assists community members seeking employment. Services include federal resume classes, interviewing skills help, computer assistance and job search tools. Employment Readiness services are offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Friedberg and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Giessen. Federal resume classes are held Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in Giessen and every first Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon in Friedberg. Call ACS Friedberg at mil 324-3465 or ACS Giessen at mil 343-7618 for information.

### Bulk trash

The next bulk trash pickup date for all housing areas in the 284th Base Support Battalion is March 4.



# 414th BSB – Büdingen, Hanau

## Community notes . . . Community notes

### Black History Month events

The 16th Corps Support Group sponsors an autograph session by **Cory "Zooman" Miller** at the Touch of Home Cafe on Hanau's Hutier Kaserne Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of its Black History Month Celebration. Miller is an internationally renowned comedian, actor, rapper, poet and speaker. The 4th Aviation Brigade sponsors a Black History Month Celebration featuring guest speaker **Dr. Deborah Harris** Feb. 22 from 1-2 p.m. at the Fliegerhorst Theater on Fliegerhorst Kaserne. Hanau Community Equal Opportunity advisers sponsor a Black History Month **drawing contest** focusing on the theme "What does Black History look like to you?" Drawings must be made by hand using pencils, pens, markers and/or crayons and may contain words. Entries will be based on grade (kindergarten, grades one to three, grades four to five, grades six to eight and grades nine to 12). Turn in entries to the Hanau and Gelnhausen school principals by Feb. 17. Winners will be announced at the Black History Month Celebration Feb. 22 (see above). Call mil 323-2998, 322-739, 323-2012 or 322-8605 for more information on all three events. The John F. Kennedy Dining Facility on Fliegerhorst Kaserne offers a special **Black History Month meal** Feb. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal will feature lobster, catfish, chicken, ribs, steamship round, ham hocks and more for \$3.50 (for Soldiers and civilians) and \$3 (for dependents of special-ists and below).

### National Prayer Luncheon

A National Prayer Luncheon will be held



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### Employment opportunities galore at Hanau Job Fair

Sgt. 1st Class Tim Jones, 1-1st Cavalry, talks with Community Bank representative Kimberlie Sparks about employment opportunities during the Hanau Job Fair in the Community Activity Center on Fliegerhorst Kaserne Feb. 2. Photo right: Carolyn Dewey, Hanau Army Community Service employment readiness manager, and Becky Bliss, ACS administrative assistant, look over materials at one of the many stands. Hundreds of people turned out for the fair, said Dewey. "We've had inquiries all the way from Würzburg about the fair. I spent a few days giving directions over the phone." ACS regularly offers classes and workshops aimed at helping potential applicants prepare for job interviews, write resumes and more. Check with ACS for more information.

at noon Feb. 24 at the American Star Restaurant in the Community Activity Center on Fliegerhorst Kaserne. The guest speaker is U.S. Army Europe Chaplain (Col.) Micheal Hoyt. Pick up tickets from unit sergeants major or the 127th Aviation Support Battalion Chaplains Office at mil 322-7696.

### Mom and Dad basic training

The New Parent Support Program offers a

hands-on class teaching infant care from birth to four months Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. Learn how to hold, carry, dress, feed, burp, bathe and calm your baby. The class takes place at the Wolfgang Outreach Center in Building 514 at the Wolfgang Shopping Center. Call mil 322-8963 or civ (06181) 88-8963 to sign up or for more information.

### Spouses Club scholarships

The Hanau Community Spouses Club offers scholarships to graduating high school students with a 2.5 grade point average or higher and family members of military ID card holders stationed in the 414th Base Support Battalion and enrolled in an accredited college or university. Applications may be picked up after Feb. 16 at the Pioneer Library, the Hanau High School Guidance Counselors Office, Army Community Service and the Hanau and Büdingen Education Centers. Deadline to submit applications is April 18. For information email Carolyn Saul-Piper at [carolyn.saulpiper@us.army.mil](mailto:carolyn.saulpiper@us.army.mil).

### Büdingen Computer Lab

A grand opening will be held for the new Büdingen Computer Lab Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. in front of Building 2209 on Armstrong Barracks. The ceremony will be followed by a small reception. The computer lab will have a classroom and nine Internet ready computers for Soldiers and family members use. It will also allow Soldiers to take distance learning classes through the Internet. Call mil 321-4736 or civ (06042) 80-736 for more information.

### DoDEA survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity customer satisfaction survey gives sponsors, students and teachers an opportunity to comment on their level of satisfaction with service provided by DoD schools. Take a few minutes to fill out the survey online at

[https://hq-w4.dodea.edu/cust\\_survey](https://hq-w4.dodea.edu/cust_survey).

### Hanau Tax Center open

The Tax Center in the basement of Building 2 on Pioneer Kaserne offers free tax filing and electronic filing for all authorized ID card holders. The Tax Center will stay open until June 15 with hours of operation Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Clients are seen on a walk-in basis. Soldiers should come ready with W-2s, 1099s, Social Security numbers and direct-deposit information. If married couples are filing their taxes jointly, both spouses must be present to sign the return or present a valid power of attorney. Call the Tax Center at mil 322-9577 with any questions.

### ACS employment classes

Army Community Service offers an **employment orientation** every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. The orientation will also be offered in Büdingen's Armstrong Barracks ACS, Building 2207, on Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn how to create a resume at ACS at a **resume workshop** Feb. 16. Call mil 322-9191 or civ (06181) 88-9191 for information.

### Information Center open evenings at middle school

Hanau Middle School invites parents, students and community members to use the school's Information Center every Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Use the Internet for research, check your school email, complete homework assignments, discuss and check out great books. Call Anne Marie Avegno at civ (06181) 9069725 for information.

### Spouse education assistance

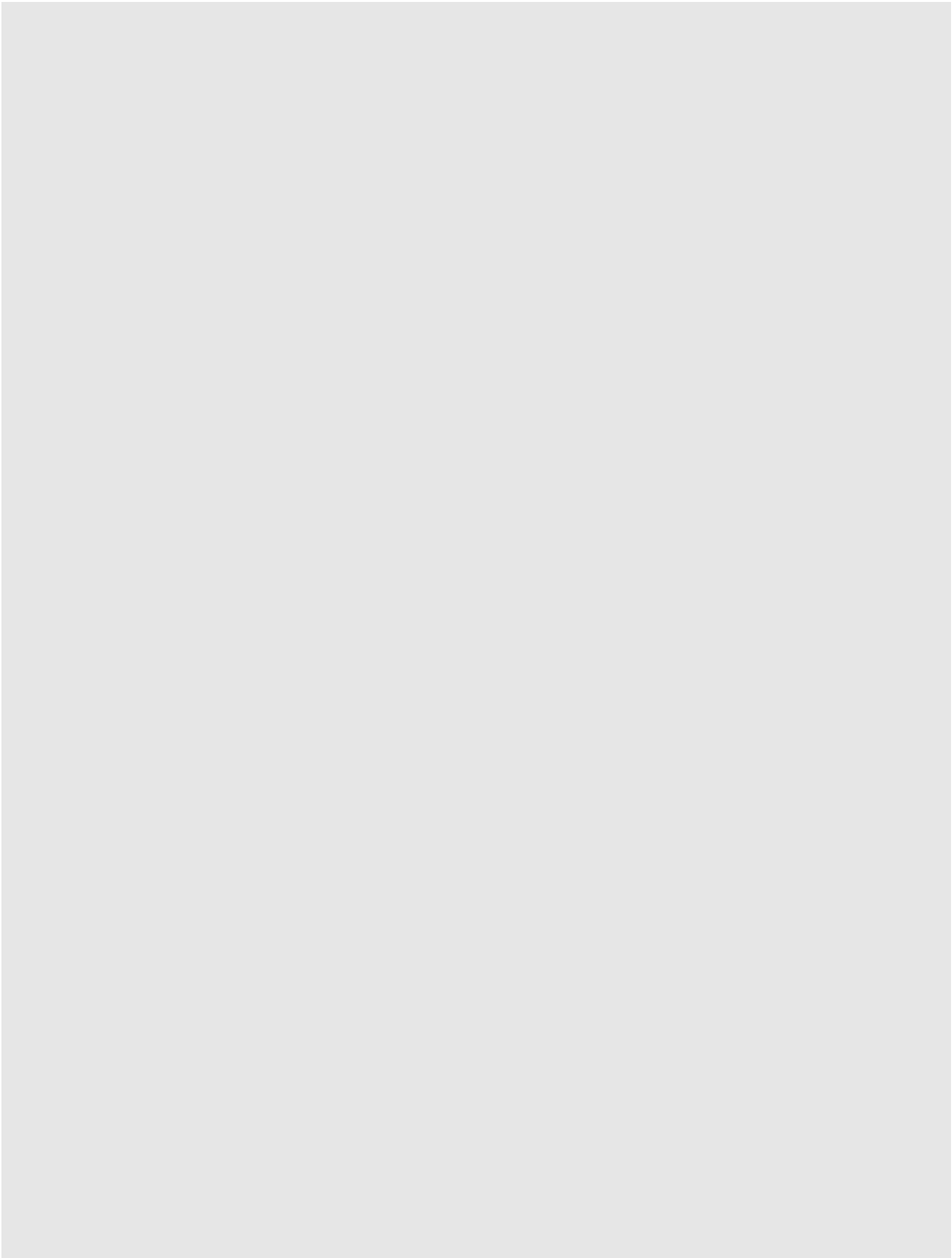
The Army Emergency Relief deadline for the Spouse Education Assistance Program is Feb. 28. Visit the AER office in Building 19 on Pioneer Kaserne or the AER website at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org). Call civ (06181) 88-8097.



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### One-stop information and assistance

Red Cross volunteers Jay Harris and Pat Dichter look over the USO tours guide, "Eine Brücke," during an open house for their new offices in Building 19 on Hanau's Pioneer Kaserne (adjacent to the Central Processing Center) Feb. 4. The USO, Army Community Service and American Red Cross are now all colocated in the building offering a single point of assistance and information. "We have a feeling of community here," said Harris, Red Cross chairperson for health and safety. "It gives the Soldiers better access. And they get to know us and where we are before they need us so that when they do have a problem, they don't hesitate to come see us." Bianca Moton, Hanau USO manager, thanked members of the 709th Military Police Battalion and 127th Aviation Support Battalion for their help moving and Avus Automobile (Volvo Military Sales) for corporate support.





# 414th BSB – Büdingen, Hanau

## Delegates tackle crucial issues at AFAP Conference

*Raising concerns to be resolved by leaders*

**By Midori VanBrunt**  
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Public Affairs Office

Sixty-four community member delegates, including Soldiers, civilians, retirees and family members, met at the Community Activity Center Jan. 25-27 for this year's 414th Base Support Battalion Army Family Action Plan Conference.

Participants were split into four work groups which worked on the 350 issues submitted by members of the 414th BSB community.

Issues were separated into various subject areas — Soldier and Force Support, Family Support and Consumer Services, Health Care, Directorate of Public Works and Security, Teen Group. Members of the work groups read through the issues and decided which were the top three issues to be addressed.

While some of the issues can be resolved at the BSB level, some will be pushed on to be addressed at either the 104th Area Support Group or an even higher level.

"We are hoping here in Hanau that we do have a Department of the Army issue," said Amy Ellin-Cuebas, AFAP coordinator. "The impact of them solving a problem at the DA level which originated in this community would be a privilege."

"This was my first conference, and I was blown away by the dynamic of how this thing came together," said delegate Renee Davis, an Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee.

Davis, assigned to group A, worked on Soldier and Force Support issues. "I'm very pleased with the outcome. Our groups did a fantastic job. We are going to make a difference. This conference was really good."

"Right now one of the biggest impacts of AFAP is retention. If you keep families happy you keep Soldiers happy and keep Soldiers in the Army," said Ellin-Cuebas.

"That's the core of the program — to make sure we are attending those groups and making sure our rules, regulations, systems and programs are effective and doing what they are supposed to do to ensure mission readiness and family readiness."



Photo by Midori VanBrunt

Delegates discuss issues at the 2005 414th Base Support Battalion's Army Family Action Plan Conference.



Photo by Karl Weisel

### Child care workers in demand

Sunny Restuccio takes care of one of her charges at the Argonner Child Development Center. Child and Youth Services officials say applicants are desperately needed at Child Development Centers throughout the 104th Area Support Group. The child care field offers applicants an opportunity to learn while on the job, they said. Skills acquired are useful in the home and toward continuing education credits. Family Child Care providers are also needed. Call your local CYS office or visit the nearest CDC for more information.



Photo by 1st Lt. Luis Pauli

### Honing skills in Grafenwöhr

Lt. Col. John Peeler, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment commander, keeps an eye on the action at Bradley Table 8 qualification at the Grafenwöhr Training Area. Photo right: Capt. Mark Spungin of 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, moves out during the training in January. Members of the Büdingen-based 1-1st Cavalry conducted their Bradley Table 8 consisting of 10 engagements as part of Gunnery 01-05 in January. "Today is a big day—we have been training for a long time," said Sgt. Donald Smith, gunner for Bradley Commanche 36. "There will be a Top Gun by the end of the day." Members of the Cav were also in Graf to take part in Tank Table VIII qualifying which included 10 engagements. Apache Tank 22 fired successfully and earned top tank in the squadron bragging rights. The crew is commanded by Staff Sgt. Michael Bonesteel. Training in Grafenwöhr also included small arms firing with Cavalry Soldiers improving their combat skills with M203s, M16s and M9s.



## Renovations enhance classroom experience

### Project creates more realistic setting for Daily Living Skills students at Hanau High School

By Karl Weisel

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

For some people even the simplest tasks can seem daunting. Daily living skills such as keeping a budget, preparing meals, washing clothes or working on a computer may be a major challenge.

Students in Larry Sentner's Daily Living Skills class for severely learning impaired youths at Hanau High School have been honing these skills throughout the school year in addition to tackling academic subjects.

After a \$10,000 renovation project of their Daily Living Skills classroom, the students now have a more realistic setting in which to practice and perfect those skills. Washers and dryers, a living and dining room setting, a complete kitchen and handicapped appropriate chairs and tables have all enhanced the educational setting.

"The kids work really hard at both their academic and their vocational skills," said Sentner. With the new classroom features, students feel more comfortable while putting their daily living skills into practice.

"It's a much nicer environment, a more pleasant atmosphere. It also feels as if the classroom is larger," said Sentner pointing out the new bookshelves and handicapped appropriate computer consoles. "In the new living room setup students can sit in a comfortable setting and read books. They really enjoy it."

Ensuring the classroom was in compliance with federal standards was part of the project. "Everything had to be adapted for wheelchairs and to meet federal laws for the handicapped. The dining room table had to be raised — the kitchen counters, the sink, all of the work areas," he said.

"I'm really pleased with the support this program has received all the way from the Heidelberg District Department of Defense Dependents Schools Office to the Hanau principal (Christina Echevarria) and school supply officer (Gary Morrison). Bill McCann, project coordinator for physical work in the Heidelberg District, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service also deserves kudos."

Just as during last school year's project to raise money for Winter Challenge, students this year are continuing to



Photo by Karl Weisel

Hanau High students Brittany Rice (from left), Remy Washington and Rodrick McCreary enjoy a breakfast they prepared with Daily Living Skills teacher Larry Sentner in their newly renovated classroom.

turn classroom work into a real-world learning experience. Shopping for cooking ingredients, dishwasher supplies and other items; baking sale items and washing clothes and dishes are part of that effort. "They even wash their gym clothes," said Sentner. "They learn how use the proper temperature, how to measure ingredients when cooking. ... It may be hard for one student to break eggs or another to cut the plastic on packaging. As you get to know the students, you learn their abilities."

Students bake brownies for sale in the school and prepare breakfast in the classroom.

"We have to generate money to purchase materials for the classroom. So the students are learning how a budget works, how to better handle money," he said. "For breakfast they set the table, prepare and serve the meal (among the favorites are

biscuits, sausage and orange juice). Everyone sits down and has a discussion, and then they clean up."

While some students already help out at home with domestic chores, the classroom is a place to strengthen daily living skills, Sentner said. "It's not like I'm reinventing the wheel. I'm reinforcing things."

Students were forced to move into another classroom while renovation work was in progress. "We had to move out of the classroom three weeks before Christmas which was difficult, but the kids made the whole transition so easy. They were marvelous about it. They adapt far better than I do. It's been a seamless change, and they are very happy with the way things have evolved."

School officials said a similar project also improved the classroom at Hanau Middle School.



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### American Star grand opening

Staff Sgt. David Henson, his wife Sony and children enjoy a meal in the American Star Restaurant in the Community Activity Center on Hanau's Fliegerhorst Kaserne during the eatery's grand opening Jan. 28. The American Star features American, Italian, German and Austrian cuisine. "I think everybody will find something they like from our menu. We like to make our customers happy," said Klaus Brandl, restaurant manager. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for dinner from 5-9:30 p.m. Brunch is featured the first Sunday of the month.

## Special events ... Special events

### Club i to host Almost Famous Urban Comedy Tour

Club i at the Community Activity Center on Fliegerhorst Kaserne will be filled with laughter Feb. 19 as The Almost Famous Urban Comedy Tour performers Jason Andors, Robert Hines and Cory "Zooman" Miller bring their act to the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Each month the Community Activity Center hosts a comedy show featuring three of America's funniest comedians. Most of these performers have appeared on shows such as Comedy Central, DEF Comedy Jam, BET Comic View, Que Pasa and Show Time At The Apollo.

The performers have a zany brand of comedy that is making

them one of the most popular stand-up comedy shows.

"We have chosen to take time out of our busy schedules and provide a night of laughter to military communities because of the place service members abroad hold in our hearts," said Jason Andors, show host. "This is our way of saying thank you to those who allow themselves to live life as these guys do."

"The Almost Famous Urban Comedy Tour had the crowd going wild from start to finish during last month's performance," said Mark Siple, Community Activity Center

manager. "The Hanau community is very fortunate to get a comedy act of this caliber to perform at the club."



An intoxicatingly funny show, it promises explosions of emotion and laughter that will have you falling out of your seats throughout the evening, officials said.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$12 or they will be \$15 at the door. For more information or reservations call civ (06183) 51266 or mil 322-7509. (414th BSB Morale Welfare and Recreation Release)